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## 1953 LEVEL OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTION IN USSR

[Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources.]

In 1953, 52 million tons of petroleum, or 70 percent more than in 1940, are to be produced in the USSR.(1)

The Ministry of Petroleum Industry USSR fulfilled the 6-month plan by 100.5 percent. The following percentages indicate production during the first half 1953 as compared with the first half 1952: petroleum, ill percent, gasoline, 109 percent, kerosene, 124 percent, natural gas, 106 percent, and petroleum equipment, 127 percent. At enterprises of the inistry during the same period, the speeds of developmental and exploratory drilling increased and the period, the speeds of developmental and exploratory drilling increased and the percentage of light end products derived from crude petroleum increased.(2)

The plan of the Ministry of Petroleum Industry USSR for production of petroleum and light end petroleum products for 1953 was fulfilled on 28 December

The petroleum industry of the USSR produced more than 52 million tons of petroleum during 1953.(4)

The Ministry of Petroleum Industry USSR fulfilled the 1953 plan for gross output by 100.9 percent. The following percentages indicate production during 1953 as compared with production during 1952: petroleum, 112 percent, gasoline, 111 percent, kerosene, 123 percent, and petroleum machinery, 117 percent.

At enterprises of the ministry during 1953, the speed of developmental drilling increased by 5 percent in comparison with 1952 and the speed of exploratory drilling increased by 10 percent in comparison with 1952. However, the ministry failed to fulfill the yearly plan for exploratory drilling.

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During 1953, the use of the turbodrilling method was extended, and the number of drilling rigs using the forced system of drilling was  $1\ 1/2$  times greater than in 1952.

The use of secondary methods of petroleum production (repressuring with water, gas, and air) increased during 1953, permitting an increase in the production of petroleum and in the use of petroleum-bearing strata. The percentage of light end petroleum products derived from crude stock increased during 1953.(5)

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